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In re Patent Application of:  
Douglas EVANS, et al.

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For: SELF-ANCHORING SLING AND  
INTRODUCER SYSTEM

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Examiner: Julian W. Woo

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 18, 2008, for which a response is due on September 18, 2008. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks and amendments presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.